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SUBJ: BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO UNGA ANNOUNCED

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UNGA WILL CONSIST OF:

LEADER: JUSTICE ABU SAYEED CHOWDHURY, FOREIGN MINISTER

DELEGATES: K. M. AMBASSADOR TO BURMA

DEPUTY LEADER: DR. MOFIZ CHOWDHURY, MP

M. HOSSAIN ALI, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

S.A. KARIM, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN

ALTERNATE

DELEGATES: PROFESSOR (MRS.) AZAR ALI, MP

HUMAYUM KABIR, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN

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MIRZA GOLAM HAFIZ, SUPREME COURT LADVOCATE

REAZ RAHMAN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGAINIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE ALTERNATE DELEGATES ARE THE USUAL MIX OF WORKERS BEES -- KABIR AND RAHMAN -- AND DRONES -- MRS. AZRA ALI AND HAFIZ. THE CHOICE OF FULL DELEGATES IS MORE INTERESTING. WHILE S.A. KARIM IS INCLUDED BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION AND HOSSAIN ALI NEEDS A HOLDING PATTERN TILL NEXT ASSIGNMENT MATERIALIZES, KAISER IS VERY WIDELY THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA, NOW A LIVE POSSIBILITY SINCES PEKING'S RECOGNITION OF THE MOSHTAQUE REGIME ON AUGUST 31. OF COURSE, KAISER WAS SCHEDULED TO REPLACE S.A. KARIM AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE THE POST-COUP FREEZE ON TRANSFERS (WHICH ALSO CAUGHT HOSSAIN ALI) BUT HIS PRESENCE IN NEW YORK ON THIS OCCASION SEEMS TO BE BASED IN HIS PEKING CONNECTION.

3. REGARDING DR. MOFIZ CHOWDHURY'S CHOICE AS DEPUTY LEADER THE REASON FOR HIS SLECTION IS NOW KNOWN. HE WAS A MINISTER UNDER MUJIB (1972-74) AND WAS PART OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHOWDHURY'S MISSION TO THE UN IN 1971, BUT WE THINK THERE MUST BE OTHER REASONS, PROBABLY A RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSHTAQUE.

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